IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE GROUP ART UNIT: 1712 fred ASSMUS, et al. EXAMINER: R. SELLERS SERIAL NUMBER: APPLN. FILED: March 3, 1997 CPA FILING DATE: May 11, 1998 THERMOPLASTIC COATING AND BINDING AGENT FOR MEDICINAL FORMS FOR: INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.97 **Assistant Commissioner for Patents** Washington, D.C. 20231 Sir: Applicant(s) wish to disclose the following information. REFERENCES The Applicant(s) wish to make of record the references cited in the attached European Search Report listed on the  $\boxtimes$ attached Form PTO-1449. Copies of the listed references are attached, where required, as are either statements of relevancy or any readily available English translations of pertinent portions of any non-English language references. A check is attached in the amount required under 37 CFR § 1.17(p). 8 **RELATED CASES** Attached is a list of applicant's pending applications or issued patents which may be related to the present application. A copy of the patent(s) is attached along with PTO 1449. A check is attached in the amount required under 37 CFR § 1.17(p). **CERTIFICATION** The undersigned certifies that each item of information contained in this information disclosure statement was cited in a communication from a foreign  $\boxtimes$ patent office in a counterpart foreign application not more than three months prior to the filing of this statement. no item of information contained in this information disclosure statement was cited in a communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application or, to the knowledge of the undersigned, having made reasonable inquiry, was known to any individual designated in 37 CFR § 1.56(c) more than three months prior to the filing of this statement. **PETITION** Applicant(s) hereby request consideration of the attached information. A check is attached in the amount of the Petition fee required under 37 CFR § 1.17(i)(1). **DEPOSIT ACCOUNT** Please charge any additional fees for the papers being filed herewith and for which no check is enclosed herewith, or credit any overpayment to deposit account No. 15-0030. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed. Respectfully submitted, OBLON, SPIVAK, McCLELLAND, MAIER & NEUSTADT, P.C. Norman F. Oblon Fourth Floor Attorney of Record 1755 Jefferson Davis Highway Registration No. 24,618 Arlington, Virginia 22202 Fax No. (703) 413-2220 Samuel H. Blech (OSMMN 7/97) Registration No. 32,082